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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- LT. GEN. VERNON WALTERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SAID WEDNESDAY THAT DESPITE DETENTE THE UNITED STATES NOW FACES "A VERY TOUGH SITUATION" IN VIEW OF INCREASING SOVIET MISSILE AND MILITARY MIGHT.

IN A LUNCHEON ADDRESS AND IN ANSWERING NEWSMENS QUESTIONS, WALTERS SAID THAT DETENTE HAD NOT ENDED THE SOVIET THREAT AND THE UNITED STATES TODAY IS IN AS TOUGH POSITION AS GEORGE WASHINGTONS CONTINENTAL ARMY AT VALLEY FORGE, PA., WHEN IT WAS CONFRONTED WITH A SUPERIOR FORCE OF BRITISH TROOPS.

"NOT SINCE VALLEY FORGE HAS ANY COUNTRY HAD THE CABABILITY OF DESTROYING THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID.,

THE RUSSIANS WERE DEPLOYING FOUR NEW MISSILES, BUILDING LARGER AND FASTER SUBMARINES AND TANKS AND MAKING A "TREMENDOUS MILITARY EFFORT IN ALL AREAS," HE SAID HE DIDN"T BELIEVE DETENTE HAD CHANGED THINGS AND, ASKED IF AMERICANS SHOULD FEEL THREATENED, REPLIED: "I WOULD FEEL THREATENED."

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